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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment was steady to firm on hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Some processors were reluctant to offer hens or toms at this time. Inquiries were light. The market tone was strong on thigh meat, cautious on tom drums and wings. breast meat was adequate and steady. Trading continued spotty on parts and meats.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export trading was very quiet. Inquiries for mechanically separated turkey went unfilled.

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-70.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-71.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	71-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	71-71.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JULY 30, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF JULY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	72.60 **	72.50 **	62.83	EASTERN REGION	71.62	68.89	61.40
CENTRAL REGION	70.40 **	70.25 **	61.50 **	CENTRAL REGION	69.90	67.89	60.45
WESTERN REGION	71.10 **	71.00 **	62.10 **	WESTERN REGION	70.74	68.36	61.34
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	73.00 **	73.00 **	66.60 **	EASTERN REGION	71.95	69.89	64.19
CENTRAL REGION	71.25 **	71.00	65.00 **	CENTRAL REGION	70.95	69.27	63.09
WESTERN REGION	72.00 **	72.00 **	65.60 **	WESTERN REGION	71.52	69.89	63.93

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	90-93
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	92-93
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	75-77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	76-78
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	76-81

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-92
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-92
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-92
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-92
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-104

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 02-AUG-99

	<u>(8-16#)</u>	<u>(16-24#)</u>
	<u>HENS LBS</u>	<u>TOMS LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)		
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)		
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)	140	20

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 17-Jul-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

<u>---YOUNG TURKEYS---</u>			<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TKY</u>
<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BAND</u>		<u>AVG</u>
<u>HEAD</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>---THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD---</u>	<u>WT</u>
N EAST	757	-50	22.54	NONE	NONE	757 22.54
S ATL	712	1	28.36	(A)	(A)	725 28.26
N CENT	2,320	2	27.46	(A)	(A)	2,334 27.46
S CENT	583	11	18.80	NONE	NONE	583 18.80
WEST	609	201	24.93	(A)	(A)	617 24.91
U.S.TOTAL	4,981(B)	-5	25.52	0	35	5,016 25.51
TO DATE						
1999	131,658(B)			55	935	132,648
TO DATE						
1998	141,408(B)			32	1,026	142,466

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 10,000 for the year 379,000; last year to date 512,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 17-Jul-99

	<u>FRYER-</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	
	<u>ROASTERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>			
HEAD	0	4,981	35	5,016
AVGWT	0.00	25.52	24.66	25.51
LAST WEEK	0	5,221	49	5,270
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	5,772	50	5,822
AVGWT	0.00	24.17(A)	26.64	24.19
TO-DATE/1999	55	131,658(A)	935	132,648
TO-DATE/1998	32	141,408(A)	1,026	142,466

(A) Includes 379,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 512,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 17-Jul-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 609 HD, 15,182 LBS,
TO DATE 8,888 HD, 217,215 LBS; OLD 8 HD, TO DATE 162 HD;
TOTAL 617 HD, TO DATE 9,050 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

JUNE	453,574 *
JULY 1-17, 1999	236,970 *

To date 1999	2,737,854 *
To date 1998	2,866,723 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 29 JULY 1999.

Trading and demand slow and typical for this time of the year. Tom drums and full cut wings steady to barely steady with increased inquiry for wings noted. Mechanically separated turkey trading at generally steady price levels. Thigh meat trading continued to move mostly through export channels.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	99.00		99.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	135.00		135.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	94.00		94.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	17.33	18
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	10
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00		20.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	20.00		20.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00		22.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	41.00		41.00	12
NECKS, TOM	15.00-17.00		16.61	57
NECKS, HEN	15.00		15.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	180.00		180.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		T	190.00	20
THIGH MEAT		T	44.00	10
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	73.00	80
TENDERLOINS		F	160.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	68.00	4
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	15.00	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		T	15.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	18.00	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	19.67	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	15.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	1,040
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	46.00-49.00		47.30	184

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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Limited trading for parts and meats for domestic use with no sales reported for export. Thigh meat bids fully steady with most inquiry coming from Asia. Mechanically separated turkey moving at generally steady price levels.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	99.00	80	99.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	135.00	40	135.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	94.00	20	94.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	17.33	18	17.33	18
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	18.00	10	18.00	10
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	20.00	15	20.47	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	20.00	5	20.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	22.00	6	22.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	41.00	12	41.00	12
NECKS, TOM		R	16.61	57	16.44	89
NECKS, HEN		R	15.00	9	15.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	180.00	40	182.91	92
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	195.00		195.00	64	193.79	84
THIGH MEAT	44.00-47.50		46.33	120	46.15	130
THIGH MEAT—FRESH						
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	73.00-75.00		73.67	120	73.67	120
TENDERLOINS		F	160.00	20		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	175.00-176.00		175.67	60	175.67	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	40	68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	80	15.00	320
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	13.50-15.00		14.29	140	14.55	220
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	18.00	208	17.68	248
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	19.67	156	19.67	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	15.00	1,040	14.44	2,080
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	47.30	184	44.63	2,770

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